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House Resolution No. 3327

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably answered the call to public duty through their enlistment and service in the various branches of the state's law enforcement community; and

Whereas, Dustin Crafton of Piedmont, Missouri, has diligently applied himself to a course of studies and training which has resulted in his successful attainment of the status of Patrolman with the Missouri State Water Patrol; and

Whereas, Patrolman Dustin Crafton will have his achievements as a member of the Thirty-second Recruit Class of the Missouri State Water Patrol recognized during a solemn graduation ceremony which will be conducted on Friday, June 11, 2004, at the Missouri Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy gymnasium in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, the Missouri State Water Patrol is skillfully led by Colonel Jerry E. Adams, Commissioner; Major James L. Glover, Commander of Field Services; and six District Captains; and

Whereas, the Missouri State Water Patrol was established in 1959 as the Missouri Boat Commission to make the waters of the state safe for boating and other water-related activities through law enforcement, registration, inspection, and educational programs; and

Whereas, the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974 transferred the Missouri Boat Commission to the Department of Public Safety, and the agency was renamed as the Division of Water Safety; and

Whereas, in 1989 the agency name was changed to the Missouri State Water Patrol in keeping with its role as a statewide law enforcement agency specializing in the regulation of waterways and boating safety; and

Whereas, the authorized number of Patrol Officers associated with the Missouri State Water Patrol has grown from eight in 1959 to the current eighty-five highly trained professionals on duty today:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Patrolman Dustin Crafton upon his entrance into the Missouri State Water Patrol as a member of the Thirty-second Recruit Class and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and our best wishes for a successful graduation ceremony on June 11, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dustin Crafton of Piedmont, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Rod Jetton Speaker Pro Tem District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3327, adopted June 3, 2004.
Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker